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In re application of:

MITTERER et al.

Application No.: 10/006,223

Filed: December 10, 2001

For: METHOD OF ISOLATION AND PURIFICATION OF TRYPSIN FROM PRONASE AND USE THEREOF

Examiner:

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2003, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claim 26 as follows.

26. A purified preparation of SGT having a purity of at least 95%.

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2003, Applicants elect with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group II directed to compositions comprising the 03/28/2003 SDENBOB1 00000039 201430 10006223

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